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RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS, JUNE 19, 1978

CTB MESSAGE NO. 245

1. SUMMARY. AT SOVIET REQUEST, INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD JUNE 19 TO CONSIDER WAYS TO EXPEDITE WORK ON OSI RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS. PARTICIPATING, IN ADDITION TO REGULAR MEMBERS OF OSI WORKING GROUP, WERE TIMERBAEV AND TARASOV (USSR), BIRCH (UK), AND NEIDLE (US). TIMERBAEV SAID SOVIETS HAD MOVED TOWARD US/UK POSITIONS AND WERE NOW AWAITING NEW PROPOSALS. HE INVITED SUGGESTIONS FOR RESOLVING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND SOVIET DRAFTS. US REPS NEIDLE AND HECKROTTE REVIEWED SECTIONS OF THE PNE TREATY AND SUGGESTED IT MIGHT PROVIDE IDEAS FOR SHAPING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS. THERE WAS A CONSENSUS AMONG THE THREE DELEGATIONS THAT THIS COULD BE A HELPFUL APPROACH. END SUMMARY.

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2. TIMERBAEV NOTED THAT PREVIOUS MEETING OF OSI WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE. THE SOVIETS HAD EXPECTED THE US OR UK DELEGATION TO OFFER PROPOSALS FOR BRIDGING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND SOVIET DRAFTS OF THE TECHNICAL ANNEX, BUT NO PROPOSALS HAD BEEN OFFERED. THE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD ACCORDINGLY WELCOME ANY IDEAS TO EXPEDITE

NEGOTIATIONS.

3. NEIDLE REPLIED THAT SOME FRAMEWORK COULD BE HELPFUL IN SHAPING A NEW DRAFT REFLECTING MOVEMENT ON BOTH SIDES. HE HAD NOTED THAT BOTH US AND SOVIET DRAFTS OF THE OSI RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS SECTION OF THE ANNEX HAD DRAWN SELECTIVELY ON THE PNE TREATY. PERHAPS A REVIEW OF THE SOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN THE PNET FOR PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO THOSE INVOLVED IN OSI WOULD HELP BOTH SIDES MOVE CLOSER TOGETHER. HECKROTTE THEN OUTLINED SPECIFIC ISSUES OF THE DRAFT ANNEX FOR WHICH THE PNET WAS RELEVANT, SUCH AS THE LISTS OF BASIC AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCEDURES, AND PROCEDURES FOR CHECKING EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL.

4. TIMERBAEV CHALLENGED THE IDEA OF LISTING IN THE ANNEX ANY COMMON ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, PARTICULARLY HAND TOOLS AND BINOCULARS, WHICH HE THOUGHT COULD MAKE THE TREATY A LAUGHING STOCK. HE ALSO THOUGHT IT WAS ILLOGICAL TO LIST ADDITIONAL AS WELL AS BASIC RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. TREATY SHOULD BE CONCERNED ONLY WITH BASIC MATTERS, LEAVING ADDITIONAL MATTERS FOR THE JCC. MORE GENERALLY, HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE PNET MODEL COULD HELP EXPEDITE THE NEGOTIATION OF OSI RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS, SINCE THE SITUATIONS WERE DIFFERENT. HE ASKED THE US DELEGATION TO BE MORE EXPLICIT ON THIS
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5. IN REPLY NEIDLE SAID HE WOULD DESCRIBE A POSSIBLE APPROACH TO BRINGING THE DRAFTS CLOSER TOGETHER WHICH THE US DEL WAS CONSIDERING. FOR EXAMPLE, THE LIST OF BASIC EQUIPMENT IN THE SOVIET DRAFT COULD BE ENLARGED WHILE THE US LIST MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT STREAMLINED, THUS BRINGING BOTH CLOSER TO THE PNET MODEL. SINCE PHOTO PROCEDURES IN THE SOVIET DRAFT WERE CLOSER TO THOSE OF THE PNET, THE US DEL COULD CONSIDER ACCEPTING ELEMENTS OF THE SOVIET PROCEDURE. THESE SHOULD BE FILLED OUT, HOWEVER, DRAWING ON THE PNET PRECEDENT. CONSIDERATION COULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO SOVIET SUGGESTIONS ON CHECKING THE EQUIPMENT OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL ALONG THE LINES OF THE PNET. THE US LIST OF SUPPORT EQUIPMENT PARALLELED THE LIST IN THE PNET AND SHOULD BE RETAINED, BUT IT MIGHT BE REARRANGED. FOR ONE THING, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO BE MORE EXPLICIT ABOUT THE TYPE AND QUALITY OF MAPS. IF THIS LIST COULD BE ARRANGED TO MUTUAL SATISFACTION, THIS MIGHT AFFECT THE EXTENT TO WHICH ADDITIONAL RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS WOULD NEED TO BE SPELLED OUT.

6. FAKLEY (UK) SUPPORTED THIS APPROACH. AFTER CONFERRRNG
WITH HIS COLLEAGUES, TIMERBAEV AGREED THAT THE APPROACH
SEEMED A REASONABLE ONE FOR THE DELEGATIONS TO CONSIDER.
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